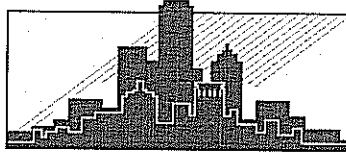


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**VIA ECF AND U.S. MAIL**

Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz  
U.S. District Court Judge  
United States Courthouse, Suite 14E  
300 South Fourth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Audrey Britton, et al. v. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State of Minnesota, et al.  
Court File No. 11 cv 93 PJS/AJB

Judge Schiltz:

On January 12, 2011, I filed a Complaint (copy attached) with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota on behalf of my clients, Audrey Britton, David Bly, Cary Coop and John McIntosh against Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and four (4) chief county election officers. The case was assigned to Your Honor and was assigned District Court file number 11 cv 93.

The Complaint seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against defendants due to the malapportionment of Minnesota's congressional and legislative districts created by a Minnesota Special Redistricting panel by its Order dated March 19, 2002. The Complaint challenges the constitutionality of Minnesota's congressional districts and the apportionment of its current state Senate and state House of Representatives districts.

The purpose of this letter and the enclosed Request for Appointment of a Three Judge Court is to ask the Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284, to immediately notify the Chief Judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals of the filing of this case and of this Request so that the Chief Judge may appoint a Three Judge Court to hear and determine this case.

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I am advised that defendant Mark Ritchie already has been served with the Summons and Complaint. Therefore, by copy of this letter and enclosure, I am advising the Attorney General of Minnesota of my clients' request.

Thank you.

s/Alan W. Weinblatt  
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cc: Clerk, United States District Court  
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Lori Swanson, Attorney General of Minnesota, Attn: Alan Gilbert  
Audrey Britton (without enclosures)  
David Bly (without enclosures)  
Cary Coop (without enclosures)  
John McIntosh (without enclosures)